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# BASS, LARGEMOUTH

## BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres

**Location:** Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin  
**Months:** December through May  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds & channels

## BANNER MARSH-JOHNSON LAKE — 135 Acres

**Location:** Peoria County, 4 miles northeast of Banner on Route 24  
**Months:** April, May & October  
**Baits:** Shad imitators & crank baits  
**Average Weight:** 3-4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds

## CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres

**Location:** Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville  
**Months:** May, June and September  
**Baits:** Plastic worms, spinner baits & crank baits  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush and Trees

## CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres

**Location:** Jackson County, 4 miles southwest of Carbondale  
**Months:** March & April  
**Baits:** Spinners & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Coves and points

## CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 507 Acres

**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Channels and weed beds

## CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres

**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** Spring & Fall  
**Baits:** Spinners, crank baits and plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline cover, points and coves

## COFFEEN LAKE

**Location:** Montgomery County, 1 mile west of Coffeen  
**Months:** Year round, February - April best  
**Baits:** Spinner and crank baits, plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2-5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, weed beds in back of coves

## DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres

**Location:** McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy  
**Months:** April through September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers or artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Steep shoreline dam, old stream channel, weed beds, and Christmas tree congregators.

## DEEP LAKE — 200 Acres

**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles east of Lake Villa on Rt. 132  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Drop-off at northwest side and weed beds

## DOLAN LAKE — 71 Acres

**Location:** Hamilton County, 8 miles east of McLeansboro  
**Months:** April - September  
**Baits:** Spinners, plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2-3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Points and structures

## EAST LOON LAKE — 165 Acres

**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles south of Antioch on Rt. 83  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1-2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Channels in north section and weed beds

## FOX LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres

**Location:** Lake County, Fox Lake  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds and channels

## GILLESPIE NEW CITY LAKE — 270 Acres

**Location:** Macoupin County, 3 miles northwest of Gillespie  
**Months:** May & June  
**Baits:** Mepps, sonics, Rapellas & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush and weed beds

## GLENN SHOALS LAKE — 1,200 Acres

**Location:** Montgomery County, north of Hillsboro  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Spinners, cranks, plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, brush, shoreline

## GRASS LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,360 Acres

**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles east of Spring Grove  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1.5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Grass Island, bays, and channels

## GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres

**Location:** Bond County, northeast edge at Greenville  
**Months:** May, June, September & October  
**Baits:** Spinners, crank baits & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, brush and underwater structures

## HEIDECKE LAKE — 1,955 Acres

**Location:** Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris  
**Months:** April to September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, minnows, artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline, troll open water

## HENNEPIN CANAL - Pools 17, 20-21-22-23-24-25

**Location:** Bureau & Henry counties from the junction of Routes 88 & 80, 8 miles west of Geneseo.  
**Months:** April, May & October  
**Baits:** Minnows, crank baits, plastic worms, surface baits  
**Average Weight:** 1-2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush piles & lily pads

## HOMER LAKE — 81 Acres

**Location:** Champaign County, 2 miles north of Homer  
**Months:** April, May, June, September & October  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush, edge of weed beds and stream channels

## HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres

**Location:** Alexander County, at Olive Branch  
**Months:** April & May  
**Baits:** Spinners  
**Average Weight:** 1 ½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Cypress trees along shoreline

## ILLINOIS & MICHIGAN CANAL — 164 Acres

**Location:** Will and Grundy Counties from Aux Sable Lock to Gebhard Woods in Morris  
**Months:** May, June and September  
**Baits:** Spoons, spinners and plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** ½ to 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Edges of brush and weed beds

## KINKAID LAKE — 2,750 Acres

**Location:** Jackson County, 3 miles northwest of Murphysboro  
**Months:** March & April  
**Baits:** Spinner  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline weed beds and tree tops in water

## LAKE CARLTON — 77 Acres

**Location:** Whiteside County, 2 miles north of Morrison  
**Months:** May-October  
**Baits:** Worms  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline in weeds and brush



## LAKE CENTRALIA — 450 Acres

**Location:** Marion County  
**Months:** April, May, June & September  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Submerged tree tops and weed beds

## LAKE OF EGYPT — 2,300 Acres

**Location:** Johnson County, 8 miles south of Marion  
**Months:** March & April  
**Baits:** Spinners & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 1.5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds and brush

## LAKE GEORGE — 167 Acres

**Location:** Rock Island County, 5 miles west of Andalusia  
**Months:** May and June  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Bays, points and fish attractors

## LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 480 Acres

**Location:** Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Channels and weed beds

## LAKE MINGO — 170 Acres

**Location:** Vermilion County - 4 miles north of Danville  
**Months:** April-May & September-November  
**Baits:** Spinner baits & deep diving plugs  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Standing timber, points and brush piles

## LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres

**Location:** Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro  
**Months:** March & April  
**Baits:** Spinners  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline and points

## LAKE SARA — 586 Acres

**Location:** Effingham County, 5 miles northwest of Effingham  
**Months:** April through August  
**Baits:** Crank baits & spinners  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Points and shallow bays

## LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres

**Location:** Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield  
**Months:** Spring & fall  
**Baits:** Spinners, crank baits & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 1.5 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rip-rap, points and underwater structures

## LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres

**Location:** Shelby and Moultrie counties  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Deep diving plugs, plastic worms & spinner baits  
**Average Weight:** 1-2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Flooded timber, stickups, points and bays

## LA SALLE LAKE — 2,035 Acres

**Location:** LaSalle County  
**Months:** April-September  
**Baits:** Crank, jig & eel, minnows  
**Average Weight:** 4.5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Entire lake

## LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres

**Location:** Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall  
**Months:** April, May, June, September & October  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush and edge of weed beds

## LONG LAKE (Kickapoo State Park) — 56.6 Acres

**Location:** Vermillion County, 2 miles east of Oakwood  
**Months:** May to September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds, fallen trees, shoreline, & or south end of lake

## MERMET LAKE — 452 Acres

**Location:** Massac County, 1 mile west of Mermet  
**Months:** March & April  
**Baits:** Spinner baits in spring; rubber worms in hot summer  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Logs, stumps in standing timber and levee rip-rap

## MILL CREEK LAKE — 811 Acres

**Location:** Clark County, ½ mile west of Clarksville  
**Months:** April - October  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, shoreline & coves





**NEWTON C.I.P.S. LAKE — 1,750 Acres**  
**Location:** Jasper County, 8 miles southwest of Newton  
**Months:** March-December  
**Baits:** Crank baits, plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 3-5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Points and weed beds

**PARIS EAST LAKE — 163 Acres**  
**Location:** Edgar County, north edge of Paris  
**Months:** April, May, June, September & October  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush and edge of weed beds

**PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres**  
**Location:** Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford  
**Months:** June through October  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres**  
**Location:** Marion County, 1 mile northeast of Centralia  
**Months:** April, May, June & September  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along weed beds

**REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres**  
**Location:** Franklin & Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Spinner baits, deep diving plugs & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Bays, shoreline with flooded brush, timber and rock rip-rap

**SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres**  
**Location:** Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Spinners & crank baits  
**Average Weight:** 2.5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Stickups and points

**SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres**  
**Location:** Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield  
**Months:** April, May, June, September & October  
**Baits:** Crank bait and spinner baits  
**Average Weight:** 2 to 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rip-rap and underwater structures

**SPRING LAKE — NORTH — 578 Acres**  
**Location:** Tazewell County, 12 miles southwest of Pekin along the Manito Blacktop  
**Months:** March, April & May  
**Baits:** Crank baits & spinners  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Aquatic weed beds

**SPRING LAKE — SOUTH — 610 Acres**  
**Location:** Tazewell County, 7 miles west of Manito  
**Months:** April, May and September  
**Baits:** Crank baits, spinner baits  
**Average Weight:** 1.5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Edge of weed beds

**STEPHEN FORBES LAKE — 525 Acres**  
**Location:** Marion County, 4 miles east and 2 miles south of Kinmundy  
**Months:** April, May, June, September & October  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow upper end and bays

**WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 250 Acres**  
**Location:** Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville  
**Months:** March, April, May & June  
**Baits:** Spinner baits and deep diving plugs  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Submerged trees

**WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29.4 Acres**  
**Location:** DeWitt County, 2 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** April and May  
**Baits:** Rapala, jig n' pig  
**Average Weight:** 2.0 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Fallen trees

**WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres**  
**Location:** Cook County, in Chicago  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Spinners & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed areas and south channels

**WALNUT POINT LAKE — 59 Acres**  
**Location:** Douglas County, 5 miles north of Oakland  
**Months:** April - May - June - September - October  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1 ½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Around weedbeds, points, fallen trees

## BASS, SMALLMOUTH

**FOX HOLE LAKE**  
**Location:** Kane, Kane, Kendall and McHenry Counties  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Minnows, spinner baits, crayfish, nightcrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Drop-offs near rocky ledges, dam tailwaters and creek mouths



**IROQUOIS RIVER — 50 Miles**  
**Location:** Iroquois County, Iroquois to Aroma Park  
**Months:** April through June  
**Baits:** Spinners, crayfish & earthworms  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Deep pools near brush piles

**KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles**  
**Location:** Kankakee and Will Counties  
**Months:** April, May & August  
**Baits:** Spinners, crayfish & earthworms  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Below dams at Kankakee, Wilmington and Mokence, mouth of small tributary streams in early spring

**KISHWAUKEE RIVER**  
**Location:** Boone County, Belvidere  
**Months:** April through June, September  
**Baits:** Spinners, worms, minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Below dam

**KYTE RIVER**  
**Location:** Ogle County, 1½ miles south of Chana  
**Months:** April through June  
**Baits:** Crayfish, spinners, minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Pools below riffles and obstructions

**LA SALLE LAKE — 2,035 Acres**  
**Location:** LaSalle County  
**Months:** April-September  
**Baits:** Crank, artificial  
**Average Weight:** 4.5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Entire lake

**MACKINAW RIVER — 30 Miles**  
**Location:** Woodford and Tazewell Counties  
**Months:** April & May  
**Baits:** Spinners, crayfish, minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush piles, cutoff banks, deep pools

**MIDDLE FORK VERMILION RIVER — 50 Miles**  
**Location:** Champaign and Vermilion Counties, from Penfield to Oakwood  
**Months:** April to June  
**Baits:** Small spinners & nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Deep pools near brush

**ROCK RIVER**  
**Location:** Ogle County, at Grand Detour  
**Months:** May & June  
**Baits:** Spinners  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Riffles and areas of fast current, also below dams and mouths of tributary streams

**STERLING LAKE — 73 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, Route 173 and Route 41  
**Months:** April-June, January & February  
**Baits:** Spinners, lures, plastic worms, crayfish  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Drop-offs near shore

**SUGAR RIVER**  
**Location:** Winnebago County, 10 miles west of South Beloit on Yale Bridge Road  
**Months:** April through June  
**Baits:** Crayfish, minnows, spinner baits  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Pools behind riffles or bars

## BASS, STRIPED

**BALDWIN LAKE (Hybrids) — 2018 Acres**  
**Location:** Randolph County  
**Months:** January through May  
**Baits:** Lures  
**Average Weight:** 4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Submerged bars & rip-rap

**CLINTON LAKE (Hybrids) — 5,000 Acres**  
**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** Spring through fall  
**Baits:** Spoons, spinners, large minnows  
**Average Weight:** 4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Submerged bars, rip-rap, spillway area

**CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,965 Acres**  
**Location:** Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale  
**Months:** June  
**Baits:** Spinners (½ oz. or smaller)  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Open water in main basin (look for schooling fish)

**GLENN SHOALS — 1,200 Acres**  
**Location:** Montgomery County  
**Months:** Spring through fall  
**Baits:** Crank baits, spoons, minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 8 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, creek channels

**HEIDECHE LAKE (Pure & Hybrids) — 1,955 Acres**  
**Location:** Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris  
**Months:** April to September  
**Baits:** Minnows, artificial lures, crayfish  
**Average Weight:** 6½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline, troll open water

**LAKE SANGCHRIS**  
**Location:** 14 miles S.E. of Springfield  
**Months:** March-May, September, October  
**Average Weight:** 10-12 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Depends upon time of year and power plant operation.

**LA SALLE LAKE — 2,035 Acres**  
**Location:** LaSalle County  
**Months:** April-September  
**Baits:** Crayfish  
**Average Weight:** 5.0 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Dropoffs near deep areas in lake.

**OTTER LAKE (Hybrid) — 1,200 Acres**  
**Location:** Macoupin County, 5 miles west of Girard  
**Months:** Spring - Fall  
**Baits:** Crank baits, spoons, minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 8 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, creek channels

**POWERTON LAKE — 1,426 Acres**  
**Location:** Southwest edge of Pekin, Tazewell County  
**Months:** March-May, September-October  
**Baits:** Spinners, jigs and minnows  
**Average Weight:** 4 to 10 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Discharge and intake

**REND LAKE (Hybrids) — 18,900 Acres**  
**Location:** Franklin and Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser  
**Months:** July - October (tailwater-May)  
**Baits:** Slapspoon, gay blades  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, submerged ridge, river channel, tailwater

**STEPHEN FORBES LAKE — 525 Acres**  
**Location:** Marion County, 4 miles east and 2 miles south of Kinmundy  
**Months:** June-August  
**Baits:** Spoons, plugs, large spinners  
**Average Weight:** 2 to 10 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Lower Lake, open water

## BASS, WHITE

**CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres**  
**Location:** Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties; Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder are adjacent to lake  
**Months:** July, August & September  
**Baits:** Jigs, minnows & small spinning lures  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Around islands, rip-rap, points, tailwaters and submerged knobs

**DECATUR LAKE — 3,093 Acres**  
**Location:** Macon County, in Decatur  
**Months:** May - October  
**Baits:** Jigs, small spinning lures, minnows  
**Average Weight:** ⅔ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, rock rip-rap, Sangamon River, flooded flats and tailwaters

**HEIDECHE LAKE — 1,955 Acres**  
**Location:** Grundy County  
**Months:** April, May, September  
**Baits:** Minnows, jigs and artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline, area near bridge

**ILLINOIS RIVER**  
**Location:** LaSalle County, at Starved Rock State Park; Peoria County, at Peoria Lock & Dam  
**Months:** May & June  
**Baits:** Spinners  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Rocky shore and tailwater (below dam)

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres**  
**Location:** Shelby and Moultrie Counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan  
**Months:** May through October  
**Baits:** Jigs, small spining lures & minnows  
**Average Weight:** ⅔ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** points, rock rip-rap, Kaskaskia River, flooded flats and tailwaters

**LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres**  
**Location:** Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield  
**Months:** Spring & fall  
**Baits:** Small spinners and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Open waters



**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 18, Boston Bay — 460 Acres**

**Location:** Mercer County, New Boston, Illinois  
**Months:** May, August-September  
**Baits:** Jigs and spinner baits  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Open water where schools of shad or minnows breaking surface

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Sylvan Slough**

**Location:** Rock Island County, in Moline  
**Months:** April, May, August & September  
**Baits:** Jigs, minnows & spinners  
**Average Weight:** ½ to 1 pound

**POWERTON LAKE — 1,426 Acres**

**Location:** Tazewell County, 1 mile Southeast of Pekin  
**Months:** February, March and May  
**Baits:** Jigs, minnows, spinners  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** At discharge and intake

**REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres**

**Location:** Franklin & Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Small spinning lures, jigs & minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, rock rip-rap and around islands

**SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres**

**Location:** Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield  
**Months:** Spring & fall  
**Baits:** Small spinners & jigs  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Middle and west arms



**BLUEGILL**

**BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres**

**Location:** Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin  
**Months:** December through May  
**Baits:** Worms  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** North Bank

**BANNER MARSH**

**Location:** Peoria County, 4 miles northeast of Banner on Route 24  
**Months:** May, June, January & February  
**Baits:** Red worms, wax worms  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawning beds May & June; 18-20 ft. of water January & February

**CHANNEL/CATHERINE LAKES (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 507 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch on Route 173  
**Months:** May - September; December - February  
**Baits:** Crickets, redworms and grubs  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds

**CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,965 Acres**

**Location:** Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale  
**Months:** May & June  
**Baits:** Crickets & worms  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Wolf Creek, stumps, brush and spawn beds

**DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres**

**Location:** McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy  
**Months:** May through October  
**Baits:** Nightcrawlers, flies, & jigs  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brushy areas and weed beds

**DEVIL'S KITCHEN — 810 Acres**

**Location:** Williamson County, 8 miles southeast of Carbondale  
**Months:** May & June  
**Baits:** Crickets & worms  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawn beds

**DUTCHMAN LAKE — 118 Acres**

**Location:** Johnson County, 3 miles southeast of Goreville  
**Months:** April - May  
**Baits:** Worms & Crickets  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawn beds

**EAST FORK LAKE — 935 Acres**

**Location:** Richland County 1 mile NE of Olney  
**Months:** April-October  
**Baits:** Worms & crickets  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawning beds

**FRANK HOLTEN — 80 Acres & 97 Acres**

**Location:** East St. Louis, St. Clair County  
**Months:** May and June  
**Baits:** Night crawlers, crickets  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres**

**Location:** Bond County, 1 mile northeast of Greenville  
**Months:** May through October  
**Baits:** Worms & crickets  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**HEIDECKE LAKE — 1,955 Acres**

**Location:** Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris  
**Months:** April to September  
**Baits:** Worms, nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**HENNEPIN CANAL**

**Location:** Bureau, Henry and Whiteside Counties, Wyanaet to Geneseo  
**Months:** May & June  
**Baits:** Worms & crickets  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres**

**Location:** Alexander County, at Olive Branch  
**Months:** April & May  
**Baits:** Crickets & worms  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawn beds and Cypress trees

**LAKE CARLTON — 77 Acres**

**Location:** Whiteside County - 2 miles north of Morrison  
**Months:** April and September to November  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2-4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weedbeds and brush

**LA SALLE LAKE — 2,035 Acres**

**Location:** LaSalle County  
**Months:** April, May  
**Baits:** Worms, crickets  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres**

**Location:** Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Worms & crickets  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush and edge of weed beds

**LAKE MINGO — 170 Acres**

**Location:** Vermilion County - 4 miles north of Danville  
**Months:** June-September and Ice Fishing  
**Baits:** Redworms & waxworms  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Standing timber, off weed beds & brush piles

**MERMET LAKE — 452 Acres**

**Location:** Massac County, 1 mile west of Mermet  
**Months:** May & June  
**Baits:** Crickets & worms  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Around standing brush, also stumps and logs in timber

**MILL CREEK LAKE — 811 Acres**

**Location:** Clark County, ½ mile west of Clarksville  
**Months:** May - September  
**Baits:** Crickets & worms  
**Average Weight:** ½ to ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Around shoreline vegetation

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 12, Frentress Lake — 1.5 miles**

**Location:** 2 miles south of East Dubuque, Illinois  
**Months:** June - September  
**Baits:** Worms & small jigs with spinners  
**Average Weight:** ¼ to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush piles along shoreline

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 19, Burlington Island — River Mile 399.5**

**Location:** Henderson County, Shokokon, Illinois  
**Months:** May-June, September  
**Baits:** Worms  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline cover

**RAMSEY LAKE — 56 Acres**

**Location:** Fayette 3 miles north of Ramsey  
**Months:** April, May, June, September, October  
**Baits:** Crickets, worms, artificial flies  
**Average Weight:** ¼ to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Along spawning beds, weed beds early, deeper water 4-8 ft. & brush piles later.

**REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres**

**Location:** Franklin and Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Crickets & redworms  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Areas or bays with brush and timber, timber of Nason Point, Big Muddy and Casey Form Arms

**SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres**

**Location:** Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton  
**Months:** April, October  
**Baits:** Worms & crickets  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Stickups, bays and spawn beds

**SILOAM SPRINGS — 58 Acres**

**Location:** Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville  
**Months:** May - June  
**Baits:** Crickets and redworms  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Back of small coves

**STEPHEN FORBES STATE LAKE — 525 Acres**

**Location:** Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kinmundy  
**Months:** May, June & September  
**Baits:** Crickets & artificial flies  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Along weed beds and spawning beds

**STUMP LAKE (Illinois River Backwater) — 1,036 Acres**

**Location:** Jersey County, 5 miles north of Grafton  
**Months:** April-August  
**Baits:** Worms & crickets  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush

**WALNUT POINT LAKE — 59 Acres**

**Location:** Douglas County, 5 miles north of Oakland  
**Months:** May - September  
**Baits:** Crickets & worms  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Around weedbeds

**WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 250 Acres**

**Location:** Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville  
**Months:** May & July  
**Baits:** Crickets, worms & meal worms  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawning beds

**WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29.4 Acres**

**Location:** DeWitt County, 2 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** June-August  
**Baits:** Redworms, nightcrawlers  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds and Christmas trees

**WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres**

**Location:** Cook County, in Chicago  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Earthworms  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Anywhere in lake

**BULLHEADS**

**ANDERSON LAKE — 1,364 Acres**

**Location:** Fulton County, 8 miles southwest of Havana  
**Months:** April - June  
**Baits:** Worms, crayfish and cut bait  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres**

**Location:** Fulton County, 2 miles east of Canton  
**Months:** April & May  
**Average Weight:** ½ to ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Upper shallow end

**DAWSON LAKE — 158 Acres**

**Location:** McLean County, 3 miles north of LeRoy  
**Months:** May-September  
**Baits:** Worms and nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** North end, island and off boat dock

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,000 Acres**

**Location:** Shelby & Moultrie counties  
**Months:** May & June, September & October  
**Baits:** Crickets & Redworms  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow water cover in upper end of reservoir

**MILL CREEK LAKE — 811 Acres**

**Location:** Clark County ½ mile west of Clarksville  
**Months:** May-September  
**Baits:** Worms  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow areas



SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres

Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville  
Months: May, June & August  
Baits: Worms & smail crayfish  
Average Weight: 1 pound  
Areas to Fish: Upper end

SPRING LAKE NORTH — 578 Acres

Location: Tazewell County, 12 miles southwest of Pekin along the Manito Blacktop  
Months: June, July & August  
Baits: Worms  
Average Weight: ⅔ pound  
Areas to Fish: Around south shore

SPRING LAKE SOUTH — 610 Acres

Location: Tazewell County, 7 miles west of Manito  
Months: April - September  
Baits: Worms and small crayfish  
Average Weight: ½ pound  
Areas to Fish: Along turnouts on west shore

STUMP LAKE — 1,036 Acres

Location: Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton on Rt. 100  
Months: April through July, September & October  
Baits: Worms, shrimp & crawdads  
Average Weight: 1 pound  
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops and brush piles

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 250 Acres

Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville  
Months: April through August  
Baits: Worms & nitecrawlers  
Average Weight: ¾ pound  
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays

WELDON SPRINGS — 29.4 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 2 miles east of Clinton  
Months: June-September  
Baits: Worms & crayfish  
Average Weight: 2 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Shallow areas on north end of lake

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BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres

Location: Randolph County  
Months: December-May  
Baits: Prepared baits & worms  
Average Weight: 4 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline and bays

CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres

Location: Fulton Co. 2 miles east of Canton  
Months: May to October  
Baits: Prepared bait & worms  
Average Weight: 3 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties. Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport adjoin the lake  
Months: June through September  
Baits: Worms & dough balls  
Average Weight: 2 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Bays, shoreline areas and tailwaters

CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles from Clinton  
Months: June through September  
Baits: Dough balls, stink baits and worms  
Average Weight: 3 to 4 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, bays and Grass Island

DECATUR LAKE — 3,093 Acres

Location: Macon County, in Decatur  
Months: May - October  
Baits: Prepared bait  
Average Weight: 3 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Rock rip-rap, fallen trees, brush

GRASS LAKE (Fox Chain O’Lakes) — 1,360 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Spring Grove  
Months: May - September  
Baits: Dough balls, stink baits & worms  
Average Weight: 3 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, bays and Grass Island

HEIDECKE LAKE — 1,955 Acres

Location: Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris  
Months: April to September  
Baits: Dough balls, prepared baits  
Average Weight: 2 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

HENNEPIN CANAL

Location: Bureau, Henry and Whiteside Counties, Wyanet to Geneseo  
Months: June, July & August  
Baits: Worms  
Average Weight: 1 pound  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline & snags

FOX RIVER

Location: McHenry, Kane, Kendall and LaSalle Counties, off Route 16  
Months: May through October  
Baits: Worms and dough balls  
Average Weight: 2 to 5 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Above or below dams and islands

KANKAKEE RIVER - 59 Miles

Location: Kankakee and Will counties  
Months: May through September  
Baits: Dough balls  
Average Weight: 6 pounds  
Areas to Fish: State line in early fall, backwaters at Des Plaines Conservation Area, pools behind dams, and tail waters at Kankakee and Wilmington

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, LOCK & DAM 14

Trailwater  
Location: Hampton, Illinois  
Months: June through September  
Baits: Prepared bait & worms  
Average Weight: 2 to 6 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Below dam on Illinois side

PARIS EAST LAKE — 163 Acres

Location: Edgar County, north edge of Paris  
Months: April through September  
Baits: Prepared bait  
Average Weight: 3 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Around brush, edge of weed beds, fallen trees

ROCK RIVER

Location: Rock Island County in Moline  
Months: May - August  
Baits: Worms, dough balls  
Average Weight: 3 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Below dams

SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 25 Acres

Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville  
Months: June - August  
Baits: Dough baits  
Average Weight: 2 to 5 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Upper end

STEPHEN A. FORBES LAKE — 525 Acres

Location: 3 miles north of Ramsey  
Months: April-October (April & May bow fishing.)  
Baits: Dough baits, worms.  
Average Weight: 5-15 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Along weedlines & in shallow coves.

WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres

Location: Cook County, in Chicago  
Months: April through September  
Baits: Nightcrawlers & dough balls  
Average Weight: 2-3 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline & channels

CATFISH, BLUE

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, LOCK & DAM 24

Location: Alton, Illinois and Clarksville-Winfield, Missouri  
Months: July-September  
Baits: Large shad  
Average Weight: 2-5 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline on bottom and below dams

WABASH RIVER

Location: Wabash, Lawrence, White, Gallatin Counties  
Months: June, July, August & September  
Baits: Crayfish, shrimp, & stink bait  
Average Weight: 2-5 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Around brush, riffles



CATFISH, CHANNEL

ARGYLE LAKE — 95 Acres

Location: McDonough County, 2 miles north of Colchester  
Months: June through September  
Baits: Worms & cheese bait  
Average Weight: 1 pound  
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays at dusk or boat dock bay during daylight

BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres

Location: Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin  
Months: April through October  
Baits: Crayfish, nitecrawlers & cut shad  
Average Weight: 4 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Entire lake

BANNER MARSH—JOHNSON LAKE — 135 Acres

Location: Peoria County, 4 miles northeast of Banner along State route 24  
Months: May, June & July  
Baits: Crayfish, cutbait, leeches  
Average Weight: 1 pound  
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays

BEAVER DAM LAKE — 57 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 6 miles southwest of Carlinville  
Months: July, August & September  
Baits: Worms, stink baits and shad guts  
Average Weight: 1½-3 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Off the peninsula and fish attractors

CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville  
Months: May, June & September  
Baits: Worms & shad  
Average Weight: 1 pound  
Areas to Fish: Upper end

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond & Fayette Counties, at Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport  
Months: May through October  
Baits: Shad, crayfish, shiners, leeches, nitecrawlers & grasshoppers  
Average Weight: 1¾ pounds  
Areas to Fish: River and creek channels, flooded ridges and tailwaters

CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres

Location: Jackson County  
Months: June, July & August  
Baits: Shiners, shad, crayfish, leeches & worms  
Average Weight: 3 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Upper creek channels and along dam

CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton  
Months: June, July & August  
Baits: Shad, crayfish, shiners, leeches & nitecrawlers  
Average Weight: 4-6 pounds  
Areas to Fish: North Fork Arm, Creek channels, flooded timber & islands

COFFEEN LAKE

Location: Montgomery County, 1 mile west of Coffeen  
Months: March - October  
Baits: Prepared baits, cut shad  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds  
Areas to Fish: Weed beds, back of coves, shoreline

CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,695 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale  
Months: May & June  
Baits: Shrimp, cheese baits & cut bait  
Average Weight: 2½ pounds  
Areas to Fish: Grassy bay, Wolf Creek & Cambria

DALE LAKE — 204 Acres

Location: Wayne Co. 1 mile west of Johnsonville  
Months: June-September  
Baits: Worms, cut bait, cheese bait  
Average Weight: 2-4 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Upper end points

DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres

Location: McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy  
Months: June through September  
Baits: Nitecrawlers, cheese baits & sponge bait  
Average weight: 2-3 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Upper end of lake, island & timber point

DOLAN LAKE — 71 Acres

Location: Hamilton County, 8 miles southeast of McLeansboro  
Months: June & July  
Baits: Cut bait, leeches & nitecrawlers  
Average Weight: 2-3 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Off dam, steep shoreline and points

EMBARRAS RIVER

Location: Coles to Lawrence Counties  
Months: June, July & August  
Baits: Nitecrawlers & stink bait  
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Around brush and below riffles

FOX LAKE (Fox Chain O’Lakes) — 1,700 Acres

Location: Lake County, Fox Lake  
Months: June, July, September, January & February  
Baits: Golden shiners, nightcrawlers and prepared baits  
Average Weight: 1.5 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Crabapple Island and channels

FOX RIVER

Location: Kane, Kendall, LaSalle and McHenry Counties  
Months: May through September  
Baits: Stink bait, worms and shrimp  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds  
Areas to Fish: Below dams

FRANK HOLTEN MAIN LAKE — 97 Acres

Location: St. Clair County  
Months: March-October  
Baits: Prepared baits & cut baits  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

GILLESPIE NEW CITY LAKE — 270 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 2 miles west of Gillespie on Route 16  
Months: May - October  
Baits: Cut baits, prepared baits, live baits  
Average Weight: 1 to 3 pounds  
Areas to Fish: Rip-rap, points, bays



**GLEN SHOALS LAKE — 1,200 Acres**

**Location:** Montgomery County, 1½ miles north of Hillsboro  
**Months:** May - October  
**Baits:** Cut baits, prepared baits, live baits  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rip-rap, points, bays

**GRASS LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,360 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles east of Spring Grove  
**Months:** June, July, August & September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, golden shiners & prepared baits  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Grass Island and channels

**GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres**

**Location:** Bond County  
**Months:** May-October  
**Baits:** Cut baits, prepared baits, live baits  
**Average Weight:** 1-2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rip-rap, points, bays

**HEIDECKE LAKE — 1,995 Acres**

**Location:** Grundy County, southeast of Morris  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Crayfish, nightcrawlers, cut shad  
**Average Weight:** 5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline, drift fishing open waters

**HENNEPIN CANAL AND FEEDER**

**Location:** Bureau, Henry & Whiteside Counties, Wyanet to Geneseo  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Worms & prepared bait  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Entire shoreline and snags

**HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres**

**Location:** Alexander County  
**Months:** June, July, August  
**Baits:** Cut bait, cheese bait  
**Average Weight:** 2½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**ILLINOIS RIVER**

**Location:** LaSalle County, at Starved Rock State Park; Peoria County, at Peoria Lock & Dam  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Cut bait & shad guts  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Tailwater (below dam)

**IROQUOIS RIVER — 50 Miles**

**Location:** Iroquois County, Watseka area  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Chicken livers  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Deep water in Watseka area

**JONES LAKE — 105 Acres**

**Location:** Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality  
**Months:** June & July  
**Baits:** Catfish stink bait, cut bait & nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Off fishing piers, dam and along south shoreline

**KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles**

**Location:** Will and Kankakee Counties, Kankakee Dam, State Line, Wilmington Dam, Momence Island Park, Des Plaines Conservation Area and Kankakee State Park  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Stink baits, cheese & crushed minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Above or just below riffles and pool areas

**KASKASKIA RIVER — 36 Miles**

**Location:** Clinton, Washington, Randolph, St. Clair Counties  
**Months:** May, June, August, September, October  
**Baits:** Worms, stink baits, shad guts and cut bait  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush, trees and pools; around rocks rip-rap

**KASKASKIA RIVER — 35 Miles**

**Location:** Douglas, Coles and Moultie Counties, from Rt. 36 south to Allenville  
**Months:** June, July & August  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers & stink bait  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush and below riffles

**LAKE CHARLESTON — Lower Channel — 58 Acres**

**Location:** Coles County, 2 miles southeast of Charleston  
**Months:** June, July & August  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers & stink bait  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** North end

**LAKE CHARLESTON — SIDE CHANNEL RESERVOIR — 346 Acres**

**Location:** Coles County, 2 miles southwest of Charleston  
**Months:** June, July, August  
**Baits:** Nightcrawlers, stink bait  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** North and east shore areas

**LAKE EUREKA — 30 Acres**

**Location:** Woodford County, in Eureka  
**Months:** May, June, July  
**Baits:** Crayfish, worms, cutbait  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Upper end and south shore

**LAKE GEORGE — 167 Acres**

**Location:** Rock Island County, 5 miles west of Andalusia  
**Months:** Summer  
**Baits:** Prepared baits & worms  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallows of upper end and dam

**LAKE LE-AQUA-NA — 43 Acres**

**Location:** Stephenson Co. 3 miles north of Lena  
**Months:** June-September  
**Baits:** Prepared bait  
**Average Weight:** 2-6 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres**

**Location:** Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro  
**Months:** May, June & July  
**Baits:** Cut bait, worms & cheese bait  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Dam rip-rap, coves (4-6 feet deep)

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres**

**Location:** Shelby and Moultrie Counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay; 4 miles south of Sullivan  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Large shiners, crayfish, leeches, nitecrawlers & shad  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Kaskaskia River, shallow bays, with flooded timber, tailwater areas, flats and submerged ridges

**LAKE VERMILION — 666 Acres**

**Location:** Vermilion County, east side of Danville  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Chicken livers, stink baits and minnows  
**Average Weight:** 2 to 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Islands and sunken dam

**LA SALLE LAKE — 2,035 Acres**

**Location:** LaSalle County  
**Months:** April-September  
**Baits:** Worms, stink & cheese bait  
**Average Weight:** 1.5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Entire lake

**LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres**

**Location:** Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall  
**Months:** June, July & August  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers & stink bait  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** North end

**LITTLE WABASH RIVER**

**Location:** Wayne-White Counties  
**Months:** May-September  
**Baits:** Chicken livers, nightcrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 1-3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Brushpiles

**MERMET LAKE — 452 Acres**

**Location:** Massac County, 1 mile west of Mermet  
**Months:** June, July & August  
**Baits:** Stink baits, cut bait & nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Main water pump and new boat ramp

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER — 160 Miles**

**Location:** Monroe County to Alexander County  
**Months:** June through October  
**Baits:** Worms, prepared baits, shad guts & cut bait  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Side channel chutes and around rock rip-rap dikes

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Lock & Dam 24,**

**Location:** Alton, Illinois & Clarksville-Winfield, Mo.  
**Months:** July-September  
**Baits:** Worms & prepared catfish bait  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline on bottom

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 16**

**Location:** Rock Island, between Rock Island, Illinois and Muscatine, Iowa  
**Months:** July through September  
**Baits:** Prepared catfish bait  
**Average Weight:** 1-2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Wing dams

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 21, O'Dell Chute — 2 Miles**

**Location:** Adams County, 4 miles downstream of Bear Creek Public Use Area  
**Months:** July-September  
**Baits:** Prepared catfish baits  
**Average Weight:** 1-3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Log jams and stumps

**NEWTON C.I.P.S. LAKE — 1,750 Acres**

**Location:** Jasper County, 8 miles southwest of Newton  
**Months:** Year around; hot water lake  
**Baits:** Minnows, nitecrawlers, stink bait  
**Average Weight:** 1-3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Bays, stick ups, rip-rap

**PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres**

**Location:** Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rock  
**Months:** June through October  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers & cheese baits  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**PISTAKEE LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, Fox Lake  
**Months:** May, June, July, August, September, January & February  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, golden shiners & prepared baits  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Around islands

**PITTSFIELD LAKE — 241 Acres**

**Location:** Pike County, 3 miles northeast of Pittsfield  
**Months:** July - August  
**Baits:** Cheese baits and cut shad  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Brushy areas

**POWERTON LAKE — 1,426 Acres**

**Location:** Southwest of Pekin, Tazewell County  
**Months:** December through October  
**Baits:** Stink baits, dead shad  
**Average Weight:** 1½-1¾ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Discharge - winter; Intake - summer

**RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres**

**Location:** Marion County, mile northeast of Centralia  
**Months:** June, July & August  
**Baits:** Cheese baits & nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along weed beds

**RAMSEY LAKE — 56 Acres**

**Location:** 3 miles north of Ramsey  
**Months:** June, July, August, September.  
**Baits:** Worms, cheese, and liver  
**Average Weight:** 1½ to 4 pounds.  
**Areas to Fish:** Upper ends of major coves.

**REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres**

**Location:** Franklin and Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser  
**Months:** May through mid-October  
**Baits:** Shiners, shad, crayfish, leeches, worms & grasshoppers  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** River and creek channels, flats with 3-6 foot depths and flooded timber

**ROCK RIVER — 150 Miles**

**Location:** Winnebago, Ogle, Lee, Whiteside, Rock Island Counties, Rockford, Byron, Grand Detour, Dixon, Sterling, Rock Falls and Milan  
**Months:** March (at mouth of feeder stream), late May through September in main channel  
**Baits:** Shrimp, worms, minnows & stink baits  
**Average Weight:** 1½-2½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Tailwaters below dams, below riffles, mouth of tributary streams and deep holes below obstructions

**SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres**

**Location:** Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton  
**Months:** May-September  
**Baits:** Worms, stink baits & chicken livers  
**Average Weight:** 2-4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Bays and coves

**SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres**

**Location:** Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield  
**Months:** Spring, summer & fall  
**Baits:** Shad & prepared cheese baits  
**Average Weight:** 2-4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow arms and east end

**SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres**

**Location:** Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville  
**Months:** July - August  
**Baits:** Cheese baits and nightcrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow arms and east end

**SHABBONA LAKE — 319 Acres**

**Location:** DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona  
**Months:** June through October  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers & cheese baits  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**SILVER LAKE — 550 Acres**

**Location:** Madison County, 1 mile north of Highland  
**Months:** June-September  
**Baits:** Stink baits, shad  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline, cover

**SPOON RIVER — 113.5 Miles**

**Location:** Fulton & Knox counties  
**Months:** March, June, July & August  
**Baits:** Natural & prepared  
**Average Weight:** 1-2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Upstream side of snags & brush piles



**SPRING LAKE SOUTH — 610 Acres**

**Location:** Tazewell County 7 miles west of Manito  
**Months:** May, June and July  
**Baits:** Clayfish, leeches, cutbait  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along center levee and turnouts

**STEPHEN FORBES STATE LAKE — 525 Acres**

**Location:** Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kinmundy  
**Months:** July & August  
**Baits:** Cheese baits & nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 2½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow upper and end bays

**VANDALIA CITY LAKE — 660 Acres**

**Location:** Fayette County, 3 miles northwest of Vandalia  
**Months:** June through October  
**Baits:** Stink baits, nitecrawlers, cheese baits, cut shad, liver  
**Average Weight:** 1-5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Bays and along rip-rap, upper lake

**WABASH RIVER**

**Location:** Clark to Gallatin Counties  
**Months:** June, July, August & September  
**Baits:** Crayfish, shrimp, stink bait, and chicken livers  
**Average Weight:** 1-5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along areas of rapid water, brushpiles

**WALNUT POINT LAKE — 59 Acres**

**Location:** Douglas County, 5 miles north of Oakland  
**Months:** June, July, August  
**Baits:** Nightcrawlers, stinkbait  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** North end

**WASHINGTON LAKE — 250 Acres**

**Location:** Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers & stink bails  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow bays

**WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29.4 Acres**

**Location:** DeWitt County, 2 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** May - September  
**Baits:** Stink bait  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Flats at night

**WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres**

**Location:** Cook County in Chicago  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers & crayfish  
**Average Weight:** 1-2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along weed beds and rip rap

**CATFISH, FLATHEAD**

**CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres**

**Location:** Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties, at Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Shad, green sunfish, large shiners & chubs & 1 pound carp & dogfish  
**Average Weight:** 30 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rock rip-rap, river and creek channels and tailwater

**ILLINOIS RIVER**

**Location:** Tazewell and Peoria Counties, Peoria Lock and Dam Tailwater, Mouth of Mackinaw River and Kickapoo Creek, Havana to Liverpool, Mouth of Spoon River.  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Live fish (shiners, bullheads, or shad)  
**Average Weight:** 10 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Channel and deep holes

**KASKASKIA RIVER — 25 Miles**

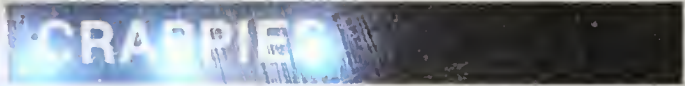
**Location:** Randolph County  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Worms, cut bait & chubs  
**Average Weight:** 5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rock rip-rap, deep holes and brush

**ROCK RIVER — 14 Miles**

**Location:** Lee and Whiteside Counties, river pool between Sterling and Dixon and at Grand Detour  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Live bluegill  
**Average Weight:** 20 to 40 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Deep holes

**WABASH RIVER**

**Location:** Clark to Gallatin Counties  
**Months:** May-September  
**Baits:** Large shiners, small carp, crayfish  
**Average Weight:** 2-10 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Channel, riffle areas



**BEAVER DAM LAKE — 57 Acres**

**Location:** Marion County, 3 miles southwest of Carlinville  
**Months:** April, May, September, October  
**Baits:** Yellow jigs, minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Tree top fish attractors



**CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres**

**Location:** Fulton County, 2 miles east of Canton  
**Months:** April & May  
**Baits:** White crappie jigs  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Over submerged brush

**CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres**

**Location:** Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville  
**Months:** April, May, September, October  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush and trees

**CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres**

**Location:** Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties: Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder are adjacent to lake  
**Months:** April, May, June, September & October  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Flooded timber and brush in bays, rock rip-rap and tailwater

**CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres**

**Location:** Jackson County  
**Months:** March & April  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Standing timber and brush

**CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE (Fox Chain O’Lakes) — 507 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173  
**Months:** April through June, January & February  
**Baits:** Minnows and ice jigs  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Channels

**CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres**

**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** April, May, September, October, and ice fishing  
**Baits:** Minnows, jigs, small spinning lures  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Flooded brush and timber, rip-rap

**COFFEEN LAKE**

**Location:** Montgomery County, 1 miles west of Coffeen  
**Months:** April - June, September - October  
**Baits:** Minnows, jigs, small spinners  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, drop offs, submerged structures

**DAWSON LAKE — 158 Acres**

**Location:** McLean County, 3 miles north of LeRoy  
**Months:** May-September  
**Baits:** Minnows & small jigs  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Off dam and points

**DECATUR LAKE — 3,093 Acres**

**Location:** Macon County, in Decatur  
**Months:** April-May-Sept-October  
**Baits:** Jigs, minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Rock rip-rap, fallen trees—cover

**DEFIANCE LAKE (Moraine Hills State Park) — 48 Acres**

**Location:** McHenry County, 3 miles southeast of McHenry at Moraine Hills State Park  
**Months:** April through June, January & February  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush, fish attractors

**DIAMOND LAKE — 149.0 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, in village of Mundelein  
**Months:** Spring, fall and winter  
**Baits:** Jigs and minnows  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Edge of weed beds, and deeper holes

**FRANK HOLTEN MAIN LAKE — 97 Acres**

**Location:** St. Clair County  
**Months:** March-May  
**Baits:** Minnows, worms and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres**

**Location:** Bond County  
**Months:** Spring & fall  
**Baits:** Jigs & minnows  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush

**KINKAID LAKE — 2,750 Acres**

**Location:** Jackson County, 3 miles northwest of Murphysboro  
**Months:** April  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Submerged tree tops and brush

**LAKE CARLTON — 77 Acres**

**Location:** Whiteside Co. 2 miles north of Marrisra  
**Months:** April, May-September  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush and trees

**LAKE CHARLESTON — SIDE CHANNEL RESERVOIR — 346 Acres**

**Location:** Coles County, 2 miles southwest of Charleston  
**Months:** Spring & Fall  
**Baits:** Small jigs & minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ to ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Timber, offshore stickups & weed beds, down trees & brush

**LAKE OF EGYPT — 2,300 Acres**

**Location:** Johnson County, 8 miles south of Marion  
**Months:** April, May, September, October  
**Baits:** Minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush, stickups

**LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O’Lakes) — 480 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173  
**Months:** March, April, October & November  
**Baits:** Small jigs & spinners  
**Average Weight:** ⅓-½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Channels

**LAKE LOU YEAGER — 1,700 Acres**

**Location:** Montgomery County, northeast edge of Litchfield  
**Months:** Spring & fall  
**Baits:** Jigs & minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Underwater structures and brush piles

**LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres**

**Location:** Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro  
**Months:** April  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Submerged tree tops, brush and fish attractors

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres**

**Location:** Shelby and Moultrie Counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan  
**Months:** April, May, June, September & October  
**Baits:** Minnows, jigs & small spinning lures  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Flooded brush and timber, rock rip-rap and tailwater

**LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres**

**Location:** Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield  
**Months:** Spring & fall  
**Baits:** Jigs & minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Underwater structures

**LAKE VERMILION — 666 Acres**

**Location:** Vermilion County, east of Danville  
**Months:** April through June and September through November  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ to ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Fallen trees around islands

**LINCOLN TRAIL LAKE — 146 Acres**

**Location:** Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall  
**Months:** April, May, June & October  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush

**MILL CREEK LAKE - 811 Acres**

**Location:** Clark County, ½ mile west of Clarksville  
**Months:** April-May-June-September-October  
**Baits:** Minnows, jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Standing timber

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 21, Willow Slough — 1.5 Miles**

**Location:** Adams County, Quincy, Illinois  
**Months:** May - June, September - October  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** ¼-1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush and shoreline cover

**RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres**

**Location:** Marion County, 1 mile northeast of Centralia  
**Months:** March, April, May, September & October  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Along weedbeds

**REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres**

**Location:** Franklin and Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sessor  
**Months:** March to mid-June, September & October  
**Baits:** Minnows, jigs & spinner baits  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Flooded brush and timber, river and creek channels



**SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres**

**Location:** Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton  
**Months:** April, May & June  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Stickups and tree tops

**SHABONNA LAKE — 318 Acres**

**Location:** DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona  
**Months:** April-May & August-September  
**Baits:** Jigs & minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Tree Line

**SPRING LAKE - 277 Acres**

**Location:** McDonough County, 1 mile north of Macomb  
**Months:** April & May  
**Baits:** Jigs and minnows  
**Average Weight:** ¼ to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Rock rip-rap and submerged brush

**SPRING LAKE NORTH — 578 Acres**

**Location:** Tazewell County, 12 miles southwest of Pekin along the Manito Blacktop  
**Months:** April & May  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Extreme north end of the lake around the Sky Ranch Bridge

**SPRING LAKE — SOUTH — 660 Acres**

**Location:** Tazewell County, 12 miles southwest of Pekin on Manito blacktop  
**Months:** March, April, May, September  
**Baits:** Minnow and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush, openings in vegetation and edges of vegetation beds.

**STEPHEN FORBES LAKE — 525 Acres**

**Location:** Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kinmundy  
**Months:** April, May, September & October  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Weedbeds and submerged tree tops

**STUMP LAKE AREA (Illinois River Backwater) — 1,036 Acres**

**Location:** Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton off Rt. 100  
**Months:** April, May, September & October  
**Baits:** Minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ to 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush piles and submerged tree tops

**WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres**

**Location:** Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville  
**Months:** April through May; September through October  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawning beds

**WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29.4 Acres**

**Location:** DeWitt County, 2 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** May and September, and ice fishing  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Fallen trees, brushpiles, and along old dam

**FRESHWATER DRUM**

**DECATUR LAKE — 3,093 Acres**

**Location:** Macon Co. in Decatur  
**Months:** April to September  
**Baits:** Nightcrawlers, minnows, jigs  
**Average Weight:** 1-2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline flats

**HEIDECKE LAKE — 1,955 Acres**

**Location:** Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris  
**Months:** April to September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, minnows, artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1 ½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline, open water

**ILLINOIS RIVER**

**Location:** Mason County, at Havana  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Worms & minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Conservation Department's Havana Fisheries Station

**KANKAKEE RIVER**

**Location:** Will County  
**Months:** April through September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Wilmington Dam downstream to Des Plaines C.A.'s river launch access

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, SYLVAN SLOUGH**

**Location:** Rock Island County in Moline  
**Months:** May - August  
**Baits:** Worms and minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds

**POWERTON LAKE — 1,426 Acres**

**Location:** Southwest edge of Pekin, Tazewell County  
**Months:** April, May, and October  
**Baits:** Worms and shad  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Intake and discharge channels

**MUSKELLUNGE**

**CLINTON LAKE (Tiger Muskie) — 5,000 Acres**

**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** April, May, September, October  
**Baits:** Bucktail spinner  
**Average Weight:** 10-12 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Flooded timber, coves & points

**GLENN SHOALS LAKE (Tiger Muskie) — 1,200 Acres**

**Location:** Montgomery County, 1½ miles north of Hillsboro  
**Months:** March through October  
**Baits:** Cranks, spinners, plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 6 to 20 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Coves, shoreline

**HEIDECKE LAKE (Pure and Tiger Muskie) — 1,955 Acres**

**Location:** Grundy County  
**Months:** April - September  
**Baits:** Crank baits, spinners and plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 10 to 12 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Natural shorelines

**LAKE CARLTON — 77 Acres**

**Location:** Whiteside County, 2 miles north of Morrison  
**Months:** April to October  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 10 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Offshore weed beds

**LAKE GEORGE — 167 Acres**

**Location:** Rock Island County, 5 miles west of Andalusia  
**Months:** April-June & September & October  
**Baits:** Cranks & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 10 to 20 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Bays, wood shoreline near fallen trees

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE (Muskie) — 11,100 Acres**

**Location:** Shelby and Moultrie Counties adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan  
**Months:** April, May, September, October  
**Baits:** Large bucktail spinners, eddy juniors  
**Average Weight:** 10 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rock bars and off gravel points flooded vegetation in spring

**OTTER LAKE — 665 Acres**

**Location:** Macoupin County, 5 miles west of Girard  
**Months:** March-October  
**Baits:** Spinner and crank baits, plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 20 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Coves and shoreline

**LAKE SPRINGFIELD (Tiger Muskie) — 4,324 Acres**

**Location:** Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield  
**Months:** May - October  
**Baits:** Spinner baits  
**Average Weight:** 6 to 10 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow end of lake, lotus beds

**SHABONNA LAKE — 318 Acres**

**Location:** DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabonna  
**Months:** June-August  
**Baits:** Bucktail spinner  
**Average Weight:** 10 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow, weedy areas

**SPRING LAKE NORTH — 578 Acres**

**Location:** Tazewell County, 12 miles southwest of Pekin  
**Months:** June - September  
**Baits:** Surface plugs, bucktails, jig & eel  
**Average Weight:** 10 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds and along east shore



**NORTHERN PIKE**

**CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE — 507 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173  
**Months:** April through June, September through November  
**Baits:** Live minnows & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Off sandbar at north end along edge of weedbeds

**DAWSON LAKE — 158 Acres**

**Location:** McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy  
**Months:** April - November  
**Baits:** Live minnows & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2-5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** North end and weedbeds

**EAST LOON LAKE — 165 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles south of Antioch on Rt. 83  
**Months:** April, May, October, January & February  
**Baits:** Golden shiners, spoons & flatfish  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Off weedbeds

**LAKE LE AQUA-NA — 43 Acres**

**Location:** Stephenson County, 3 miles north of Lena  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 3 to 10 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Upper shoreline and weedbeds

**LAKE MARIE — 480 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173  
**Months:** April through June, September through November  
**Baits:** Live minnows and artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along north shoreline

**STERLING LAKE — 73 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, Route 173 and Route 41  
**Months:** May, September, January & February  
**Baits:** Large minnows, artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along shoreline

**WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres**

**Location:** Cook County, in Chicago  
**Months:** Early spring  
**Baits:** Live shiners  
**Average Weight:** 4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weedy sections of lake

**REDEAR SUNFISH**

**DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres**

**Location:** McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy  
**Months:** May through October  
**Baits:** Redworms & nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed areas

**DOLAN LAKE — 71 Acres**

**Location:** Hamilton County, 8 miles southeast of McLeansboro  
**Months:** June  
**Baits:** Spinner worm combination, crickets  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawning beds in shallow water (8-12 feet deep) in late summer

**DUTCHMAN LAKE — 118 Acres**

**Location:** Johnson County, 3 miles southeast of Goreville  
**Months:** May - June  
**Baits:** Crickets  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawn beds

**HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres**

**Location:** Alexander County, at Olive Branch  
**Months:** May & June  
**Baits:** Crickets  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawn beds

**MERMET LAKE — 450 Acres**

**Location:** Massac County, 1 mile west of Mermet  
**Months:** June  
**Baits:** Crickets  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawning beds

**JOHNSON SAUK TRAIL LAKE — 58 Acres**

**Location:** Henry County, 4 miles south of Annawan  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Crickets & worms  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Entire shoreline

**JONES LAKE — 105 Acres**

**Location:** Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality  
**Months:** May & June  
**Baits:** Worms & crickets  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Fish attractors

**LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres**

**Location:** Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro  
**Months:** May & June  
**Baits:** Crickets  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawn beds

**LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres**

**Location:** Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Worms & crickets  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush and edge of weedbeds



**MILL CREEK LAKE — 811 Acres**

**Location:** Clark County, ½ mile west of Clarksville  
**Months:** May - September  
**Baits:** Worms & crickets  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Edge of weedbeds and brush

**RAMSEY LAKE — 56 Acres**

**Location:** 3 miles north of Ramsey  
**Months:** April, May, June.  
**Baits:** Worms & crickets.  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Along spawning beds & weed line.

**RANDOLPH CO. CONS. AREA — 65 Acres**

**Location:** Randolph County, 5 miles N. of Chester  
**Months:** May and June  
**Baits:** Crickets  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres**

**Location:** Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton  
**Months:** April, October  
**Baits:** Worms & crickets  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Stickups and deeper bays

**SILOAM SPRINGS — 58 Acres**

**Location:** Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville  
**Months:** May & June  
**Baits:** Crickets, redworms & meal worms  
**Average Weight:** ⅓ to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** North and east arms

**WALNUT POINT LAKE — 59 Acres**

**Location:** Douglas County, 5 miles north of Oakland  
**Months:** May - September  
**Baits:** Worms & crickets  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Edge of weedbeds

**WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 250 Acres**

**Location:** Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville  
**Months:** May  
**Baits:** Crickets, meal worms & red wigglers  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawning beds

**WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29.4 Acres**

**Location:** DeWitt County, 2 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** June-Sept.  
**Baits:** Redworms & wax worms  
**Average Weight:** ½ - ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Edge of weed beds and drop offs

**TROUT**

The Department of Conservation stocks a number of water areas with trout in the spring and fall. Locations are announced by a news release.



**WALLEYE**

**CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres**

**Location:** Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties, at Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder  
**Months:** June through October  
**Baits:** Spinning lures, jigs & deep running plugs  
**Average Weight:** 4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rock rip-rap, around islands and tailwaters

**CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres**

**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Jigs, minnows & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 3-4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline, rocky shelves, points and rip-rap around bridges

**FOX CHAIN O’LAKES SYSTEM — 6,500 Acres**

**Location:** Lake and McHenry Counties  
**Months:** April & May, September & October  
**Baits:** Artificial lures, jigs and minnows, plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Best lakes: Marie, Channel Catherine, Pistakee and Fox. Fish drop offs, sand bars, islands, Route 12 and 173 bridges.

**FOX RIVER**

**Location:** Lake, Macon, and Kendall Counties  
**Months:** April & May, September & October  
**Baits:** Jigs and minnow/leech combinations, artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1-3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Best areas, rocky areas and holes

**HEIDECKE LAKE — 1,955 Acres**

**Location:** Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris  
**Months:** April-June, September  
**Baits:** Nightcrawlers, minnows, artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2¾ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline, troll open water, especially north side

**ILLINOIS RIVER — 50 Miles**

**Location:** LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Marshall and Peoria Counties. Tailwaters of the Starved Rock and Peoria dams. Mouths of Vermillion, Fox, Big Sandy, Crow Creek, Kickapoo Creek, Mackinaw River and rocky shorelines adjacent to the channel.  
**Months:** February, March, April, May  
**Baits:** Jigs, minnows, night crawlers  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds (Walleye and Sawyer)  
**Areas to Fish:** Dropoffs, sandbars, rocky ledges, holes off channel, wing dams and over pea gravel along channel and over old shell beds

**KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles**

**Location:** Will and Kankakee Counties  
**Months:** Early spring, mid-summer & fall  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1-3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Early spring, mouth of tributaries and below Kankakee. Wilmington and Momence dams; mid-summer, below Rt. 53 bridge in Wilmington; fall, below dams

**KINCAID LAKE — 2,750 Acres**

**Location:** Jackson County, 5 miles N.W. of Murphysboro  
**Months:** March, April  
**Baits:** Artificial lures, trolled over points, jigs  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Points and shelves near the dam

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres**

**Location:** Shelby and Moultrie Counties adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Jigs & minnow combination & spinning lines  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Flooded ridges, drop off, flats, Kaskaskia River and tailwater

**LA SALLE LAKE — 2,035 Acres**

**Location:** LaSalle County  
**Months:** April, May, September  
**Baits:** Minnow, jigs, crankbaits  
**Average Weight:** 1.25 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Deep areas in lake rip-rapped shoreline.

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 12, 13, 15 and 18**

**Location:** JoDaviess, Carroll, Rock Island, and Mercer Counties  
**Months:** March, April, October  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Below locks & dams & wing dams

**ROCK RIVER**

**Location:** Winnebago, Ogle, Lee and Whiteside Counties  
**Months:** April - June, September - November  
**Baits:** Leadheads w/twister tail, minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Below dams, areas where current breaks

**SHABBONA LAKE — 318 Acres**

**Location:** DeKalb County  
**Months:** May, June, September, November  
**Baits:** Minnows, nightcrawlers, jigs  
**Average Weight:** 1.5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Dam face, submerged road, standing timber

**LAKE MICHIGAN**

**Location:** Cook and Lake Counties, entire Illinois portion

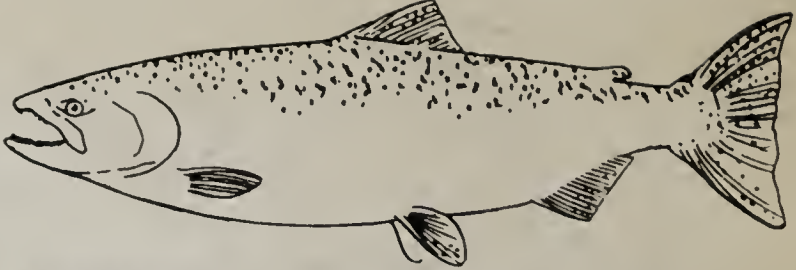
**COHO SALMON**



**Months:** April through June, September and October  
**Baits:** Nightcrawlers and alewives in April and May from the shore; trolling offshore in May and June using flies and dodgers, squids and dodgers, plugs, and spoons; spawn from the shore and plugs and spoons cast from shore or trolled near harbor areas in September and October; fall snagging in designated areas only (see areas open to snagging).  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds in spring to 6 pounds in fall  
**Areas to Fish:** Troll mid-depths to surface at water temperatures from 52°F to 59°F

**CHINOOK SALMON**

**Months:** July, August, September and October.  
**Baits:** Trolling offshore in July and August using flies and dodgers, squids and dodgers, plugs, and spoons; spawn from the shore and plugs & spoons cast from the shore & trolled near harbor areas in Sept. & Oct.; fall snagging in designated area only. (See areas open to snagging).



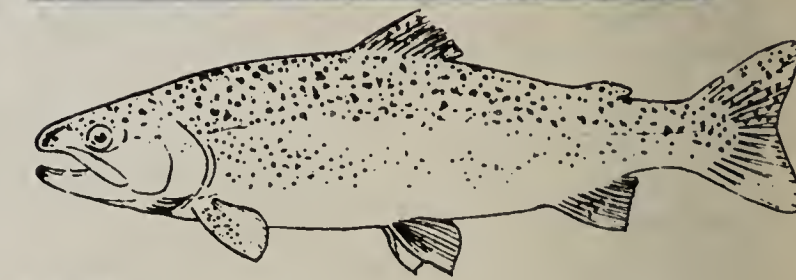
**Average Weight:** 7 pounds in spring to 15 pounds in fall  
**Areas to Fish:** Trolling where water temperature is from 52°F to 59°F.

**BROWN TROUT**



**Months:** October through May  
**Baits:** Nightcrawlers, spawn, smelt, alewives, spoons, spinners and plugs.  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along the shoreline in spring and fall months; at warmwater discharge areas during winter months.

**RAINBOW TROUT (Steelhead)**



**Months:** May through August; October through April  
**Baits:** Nightcrawlers, spawn, alewives, flies and dodgers, squids and dodgers, spoons, and plugs.  
**Average Weight:** 4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** From the shore during spring and fall months; trolling offshore from May through August where water temperature is near 55°-60°F; at warm water discharges during winter months.

**LAKE TROUT**

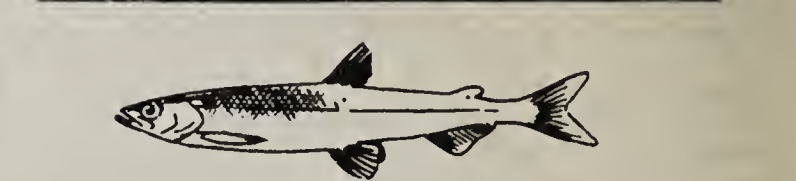


**Months:** June through August  
**Baits:** Spoons, plugs, flies and dodgers  
**Average Weight:** 6 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Troll from mid-depths to bottom in water where temperature is near 50°F

**YELLOW PERCH**

**Months:** May through September, January, February  
**Baits:** Redworms, minnows, crayfish, spinners & jigs; grubs, maggots in winter  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** In harbors and rocky areas along the shore in summer months; in harbors and through the ice during winter months.

**SMELT**



**Months:** April  
**Baits:** Small mesh gill nets, dip nets, and seines (see 1988 Guide to Illinois Fishing Regulations for legal sizes of nets).  
**Average Weight:** 1-2 ounces  
**Areas to Fish:** Chicago Park District properties (check local seasonal regulations), from piers and breakwaters, and seining along shoreline at Illinois Beach State Park.

**Areas Open To Snagging**

Snagging for chinook and coho salmon only is permitted from the following Lake Michigan shoreline areas. Dates for this snagging will be announced publicly by the Department of Conservation. No snagging is allowed at any time within 200 feet of a moored watercraft or as otherwise posted.

(1) Lincoln Park Lagoon from the Fullerton Avenue Bridge to the southern end of the Lagoon; (2) Waukegan Harbor, old harbor area only - not in the new south harbor; (3) Winnetka Power Plant discharge area and the Waukegan Power Plant discharge area; (4) Jackson Harbor (inner and outer harbors).

**Charter Boat Fishing On Lake Michigan**

Charter boats are available for salmon and trout fishing on half and full day trips April through October. For further information, call the Department of Conservation's Chicago Office, 312/917-2070.



# Cooking Your Catch

The basic fish cooking rules are easy to follow, even though each type of fish has individual flavor, texture, and appearance.

If you make allowances for the fat content of fish, you can successfully use any of the cooking methods for almost all species. In other words, *lean* fish (bass, sunfish) may be cooked by dry heat methods such as baking or broiling, if you baste frequently with melted butter or shortening to prevent drying. (Try combining lemon or garlic with the basting fat, or using a basting sauce.) Fish with high fat content (trout, salmon) don't have to be basted.

Avoid overcooking. The fish should be moist and tender with a delicate flavor. Overcooking causes the flesh to become increasingly dry and chewy. Fish is done when the flesh is translucent and can be easily flaked with a fork.

Don't overhandle the fish during cooking and serving. Cooked fish is delicate and will flake apart easily. Turn only once during cooking and transfer carefully to a warm platter to serve.

Never soak fresh fish in water. This causes loss of flavor and makes the flesh flabby. Wash fish quickly, drain, and dry carefully on paper towel.

## Broiling

Sprinkle serving-sized portions of fish with salt

and pepper. Place on preheated greased broiler pan, skin side up if skin has not been removed from fillets. Brush with melted butter. Broil about 2 inches from heat 5 to 8 minutes, or till fish flakes easily with a fork.

## Baking

Rub salt on the inside and outside of the cleaned fish; place fish in a greased baking pan. Brush with melted fat (lay slices of bacon over top if desired). Bake in a moderate oven till fish flakes easily with a fork. If fish seems dry while baking, baste with drippings.

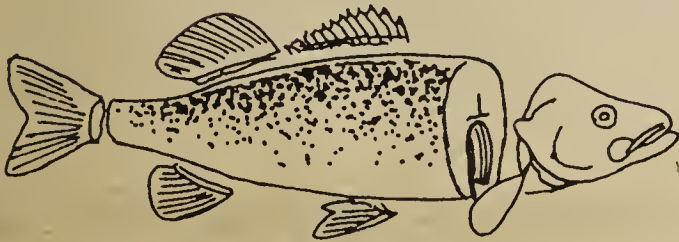
## Steaming

Salt both sides of the cleaned fish. Place fish in a well-greased steamer pan and cook over boiling water till fish flakes easily with a fork. Serve at once with lemon or a sauce.

## Deep fat frying

Sprinkle serving-sized portions of fish with salt and pepper. Dip fish in mixture of 1 tablespoon milk to 1 egg. Roll in bread or cracker crumbs, cornmeal, or flour. Cook fish in deep fat (375°) till golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper. Serve with lemon or sauce.

### Three basic cuts of fish



**Dressed, or pan-dressed**

Scaled, drawn with head, tail, and fins removed.



**Filleted**

Sides of fish are cut lengthwise along backbone.



**Steaked**

Cross-sectional slices are cut from larger fish.

### SPORT FISH HEALTH ADVISORIES FOR ILLINOIS WATERS

Waterbody	Group 1 These fish pose the lowest risk.	Group 2 These fish pose an intermediate risk;	Group 3 These fish pose the highest risk;
(See key at bottom of chart for specific health advice)			
Lake Michigan (1987 Advisory)	Lake trout up to 20" Coho salmon up to 26" Chinook salmon up to 21" Brook trout Rainbow trout Pink salmon Smelt Perch	Lake trout 20-23" Coho salmon over 26" Chinook salmon 21-32" Brown trout up to 23"	Lake trout over 23" Chinook salmon over 32" Brown trout over 23" Carp Catfish
Lake Springfield	White Crappie Carp over 10 lbs. Flathead Catfish under 1.5 lbs.	Largemouth Bass over 15" Bigmouth Buffalo	Channel Catfish Carp over 10 lbs. Flathead Catfish over 1.5 lbs.
Lake Decatur		Channel Catfish Flathead Catfish Bigmouth Buffalo	

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Lake Taylorville		Carp Channel Catfish Bigmouth Buffalo	
Clinton Lake		Channel Catfish	
Paris Twin Lakes		Channel Catfish	
Mississippi River below Lock and Dam 22 downstream to Cairo, IL			Shovelnose Sturgeon or Sturgeon eggs
Mississippi River from St. Louis downstream to Cairo			Carp Catfish
Des Plaines River at Lockport to Starved Rock Lock and Dam on Illinois River		Carp	
Des Plaines River (Lockport to Kankakee River)		Smallmouth Buffalo Freshwater Drum Channel Catfish	

#### Key to Chart Above

Group 1:	Contaminant levels in 10 percent or less of fish tested in this group exceed any FDA health standards. EATING GROUP 1 FISH POSES THE LOWEST HEALTH RISK. Trim fat and skin from these fish before cooking and eating them.
Group 2:	Contaminant levels in more than 10 percent but less than 50 percent of fish tested in this group exceeded one or more FDA health standards. NURSING MOTHERS, PREGNANT WOMEN, WOMEN WHO ANTICIPATE BEARING CHILDREN, FEMALE CHILDREN OF ANY AGE, AND MALE CHILDREN AGE 15 OR UNDER SHOULD NOT EAT GROUP 2 FISH. All other individuals should limit consumption of these fish to no more than one meal per week and heed the preparation & cooking instructions given below.
Group 3:	Contaminant levels in 50 percent or more of fish tested in this group exceeded one or more FDA health standards. NO ONE SHOULD EAT GROUP 3 FISH.

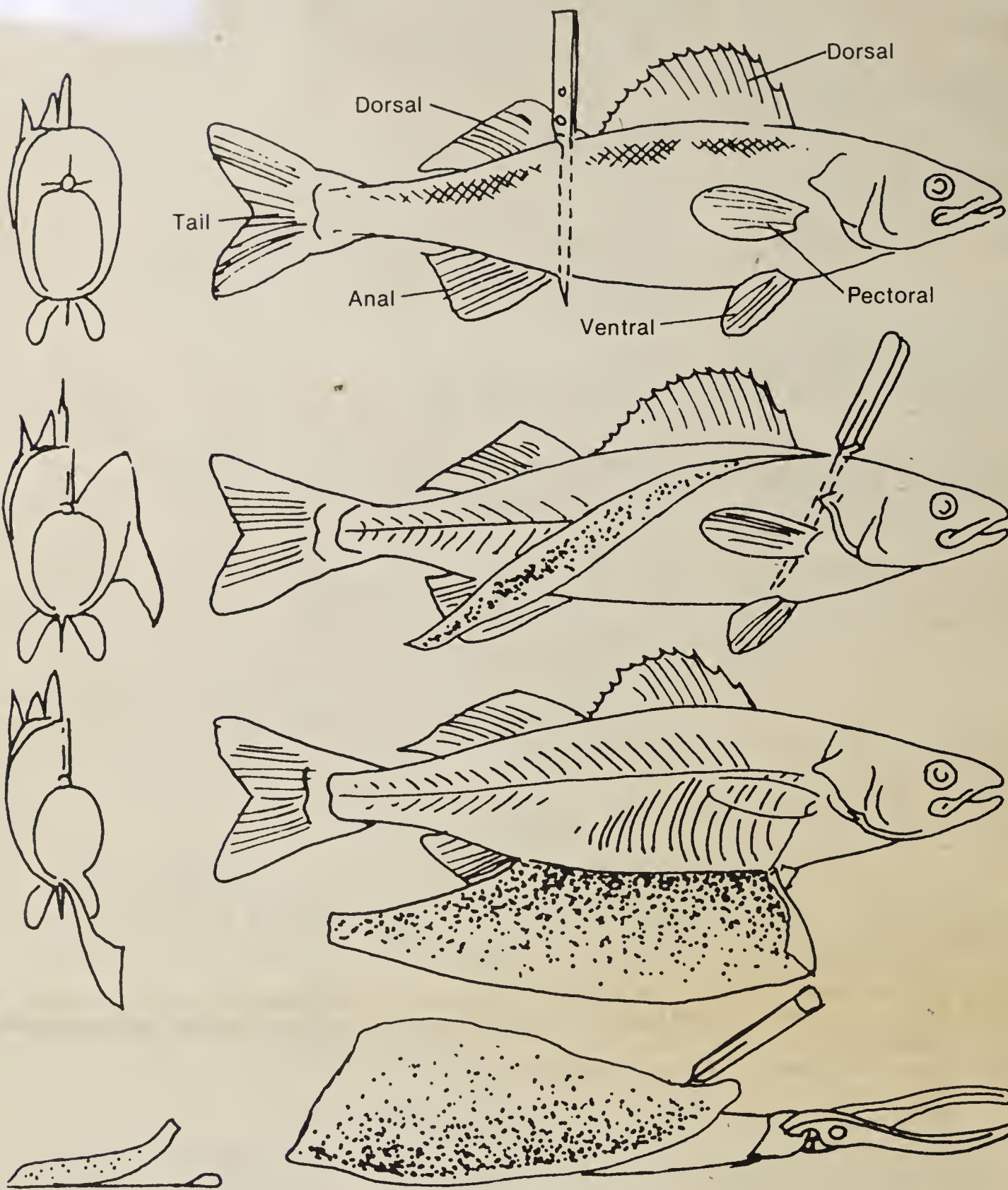
1988 Advisory for Lake Michigan not available at time of printing. Contact Dept. of Public Health, 525 W. Jefferson, Springfield, IL 62761, for more information.

### PREPARATION AND COOKING RECOMMENDATIONS

Sport fish can be prepared and cooked in ways which will reduce the presence of fat soluble contaminants in the edible portion. These techniques include removal of the skin and fatty tissue associated with the belly, lateral line and dorsal area of large fish and cooking by baking, broiling on a rack or barbecuing so the fatty oil can drip away from the finished meal.



## Filleting Perch and Bass



**1** To save the most meat and fewest bones try this method: Cut along back on one side of dorsal fin. Insert blade all the way through body and out belly just behind vent. Slice along edge of anal fin, with blade sliding along backbone until reaching tail. Cut fillet loose and repeat on other side.

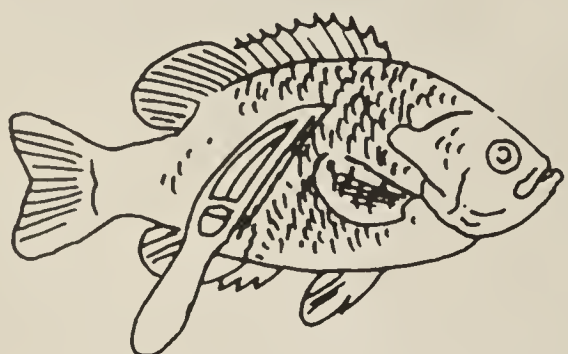
**2** Slice on an angle from the top of back to belly just behind head, pectoral fin, and pelvic fin. Repeat slice on other side of body, or finish one side at a time.

**3** Insert knife blade in original cut (Step 1) and slice downward freeing meat from rib cage. After working down over main part of ribs, keep cutting as close against lower ribs as possible until reaching belly. Cut through the belly, separating fillet from body.

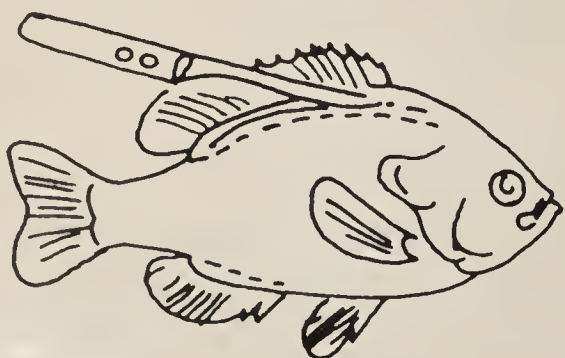
**4** Lay fillet skin flat on table. With a heavy, flat knife cut down into fillet leaving tab for holding skin. Pull on skin and use knife in a see-saw motion. Don't slice the meat off, but scrape it off with the blade and by pulling the skin.

## Dressing Sunfish

(use this method for smaller fish.)



**1** Using a knife or scraper, scrape off scales toward the head.

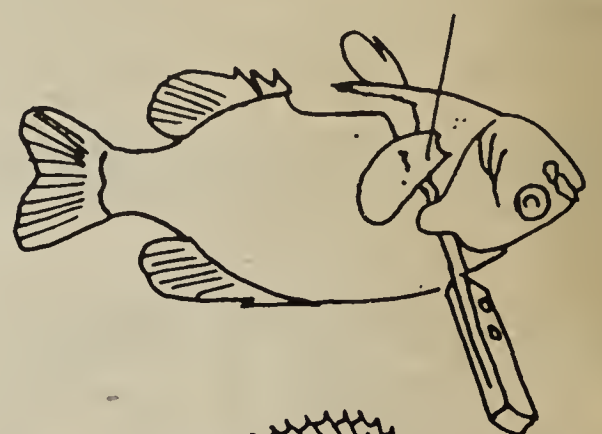


**2** Hold knife parallel to fins; cut along each side of dorsal and anal fins  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch deep for later removal.



**3** Hold fish upside-down with its back resting on table and cut immediately behind vent. Slip knife forward under skin.

**4** Continue cutting to pectoral fin. Lay fish flat and make deep cut on both sides of body behind pectoral fin.



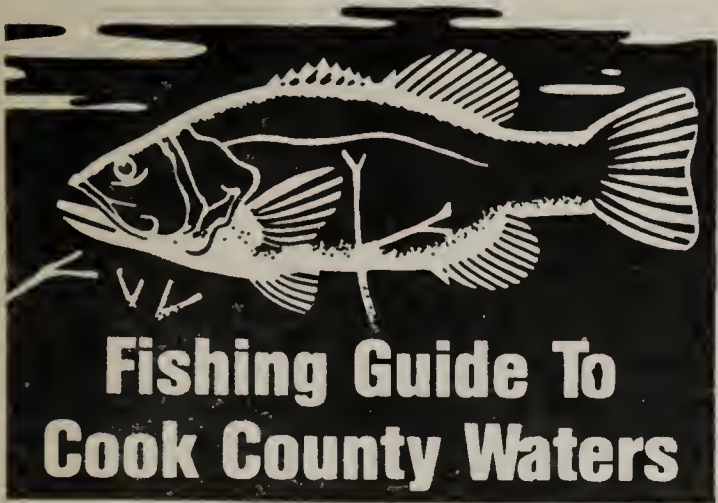
**5** Pull head upward to break the backbone. Head will tear loose; entrails, pectoral, and pelvic fins will be removed.



**6** Remove dorsal and anal fins, loosened in Step 2, by pulling away and forward from the body. Cut off the tail.







This guide lists Cook County waters open to public fishing, and also the location, size, depth and principal kinds of fish in each water area. Where available, public transportation is also noted.

Depth contour maps of many lakes in the Forest Preserve District have been completed and are available upon request from: Cook County Forest Preserve District, Conservation Department, 536 N. Harlem Ave., River Forest, Illinois 60305.

### FISHING REGULATIONS

The Cook County Forest Preserve District works closely with the Illinois Department of Conservation in managing these waters for hook and line fishing. With one major exception, State rules and regulations hold true for fishing in the preserves. The exception: Bow and arrow fishing for rough fish is not permitted in the preserves. All waters in the forest preserves are designated fish preserves. Fishermen are limited to two lines with no more than two hooks per line and no trolley lines.

Special regulations regarding bag and size limits imposed on designated waters will be posted at the waters.

A valid Illinois hook and line fishing license is required except for persons who are under 16, disabled or blind, or over 65 years of age. In addition, any one required to have a valid fishing license must have a trout and salmon stamp when fishing for trout within the Forest Preserve District trout lakes.

Daily limits, length limits and closed seasons have been removed from all fish found in forest preserve waters, with three exceptions. These are: no more than 6 largemouth bass or smallmouth bass, regardless of size, may be taken in one day; no more than 3 northern pike may be taken in one day (and these must be 24 inches long or longer); and no more than 5 trout may be taken in one day. Use of minnow seine is not allowed except in the Des Plaines River for bait collecting.

Special Forest Preserve Regulations regarding size limits on bass will be imposed on designated waters of the District and these special rules will be so posted. These experimental regulations are to prevent the excessive removal of bass, and to improve the fishing through protection of our major predator fish. We ask the fishing public to respect and obey these regulations on lakes so posted.

Ice fishing is permitted on designated forest preserve lakes during winter months when the ice has become 4 or more inches thick. Public announcements are made in the news media when conditions permit such fishing and which lakes are open during each year.

### ILLEGAL ACTIONS

It is unlawful to release any fish (including minnows or goldfish) in any Cook County waters, except in the waters from which they were taken, without having first secured permission from the Conservation Department of the Cook County Forest Preserve District.

It is illegal to abandon, deposit or throw any wire, can, bottle, glass, paper, trash, rubbish, cardboard boxes, wood cartons, trees, parts of trees, brush or other insoluble material (including animal or vegetable material) into the waters or on the ice of any waters of the County.

### BOATING REGULATIONS

No private watercraft are allowed on Chicago Park District Lagoons or on Cook County Forest Preserve District waters, except as listed below under **BOATING WATERS**. (No private watercraft permitted on District waters overnight. No outboard or electric motors allowed on District waters except as listed.) **ACCEPTABLE WATERCRAFT AS PER CURRENT FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT REGULATIONS.**

#### BOATING WATERS (Motors Allowed)

**DES PLAINES RIVER:** Wheeling, IL to Lemond, IL for all watercraft. One ramp at Plank Rd. Meadow which is located N. of Ogden Ave. just E. of First Ave. in Lyons, IL.

**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER:** For all watercraft.

Two ramps; one north of Jackson St. E. of Ashland Ave.; the other is S. of 131st St., W. of the Calumet Expressway.

#### BOATING WATERS (Electric Motors Only) (Outboard motors must be removed from boat.)

**BECK LAKE:** N. of Central Rd., E. of River Rd. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats. Launching ramps available off of parking area.

**BIG BEND LAKE:** S.W. corner of Golf and Bender Roads. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats. Launching ramp available off of parking area.

**BUSSE LAKE:** S. of Higgins Rd., between I-290 (Rt. 53) and Arlington Heights Rd. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats are allowed in the South Pool and the Main Lake. Access to ramps off of Higgins Rd. Just E. of I-290 (Rt. 53).

**SKOKIE LAGOONS:** N. of Willow Rd., S. of Lake-Cook Rd., E. of the Edens Expressway. Parking and launching ramp S. of Tower Rd., E. of the Edens. For sailboats, canoes and rowboats.

**I & M CANAL:** Willow Springs area — enter at Willow Springs Rd. — canoes only.

**POWDERHORN LAKE:** N. of Brainard Ave., E. of Burnham Ave. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats.

**MAPLE LAKE:** S. of 95th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd. Canoe and rowboat rental — no private rowboats.

**SAGANASHKEE SLOUGH:** S. of 95th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd.

**SKOKIE LAGOONS:** E. of Edens Expressway, W. of Winnetka, between Willow and Dundee Rds. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats.

**TAMPIER LAKE:** W. of Wolf Rd., S. of 131st St. Rowboat rental. Private rowboats. Launch from west parking lot only.

### COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE FISHING WATERS

**ARROWHEAD LAKE:** 131st St. and Harlem Ave. just S. of Palos Heights. Area 11 acres. Depths to 12 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish.

**AXEHEAD LAKE:** On the corner of Touhy Ave. and River Rd. E. of Tri-State Tollway. Area 17 acres. Depths to 31 feet. Largemouth bass (14" length limit), perch, bluegill, sunfishes, bullheads. Trout are stocked each spring and fall. Depth contour map is available.

**BECK LAKE:** Two and one-half miles N.E. of Des Plaines, N. off of Central Rd., ¼ mile W. of Tri-State Tollway. Area 38 acres. Depths to 21 feet. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats permitted. Launch ramp available. Largemouth bass, bluegill, perch, channel catfish, bullheads, walleye. Depth contour map is available.

**BELLEAU LAKE:** W. of Tri-State Tollway off Busse Hwy. Area 12 acres. Depths to 35 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch, bullhead. Trout are stocked each spring and fall. Depth contour map is available.

**BIG BEND LAKE:** N.E. of Des Plaines at S.W. corner of Golf and Bender Rd. Area 27 acres. Depths to 29 feet. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats permitted. Launch ramp available. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, yellow bass, crappie, bullheads, carp.

**BODE LAKE:** Two lakes, 3 miles N. of Hanover Park, 4 miles E. of Elgin on Bode Rd., 1 mile W. of Barrington Rd. Combined area 20 acres. Depths to 24 feet in South Lake. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, northern pike, sunfishes, carp, bullhead. Depth contour map is available.

**BULLFROG LAKE:** Two miles S.W. of Willow Springs, ½ mile S. of 5th St. off of Wolf Rd. Area 16 acres. Depths to 11 feet. Largemouth bass (14" length limit), bluegill, crappie.

**BUSSE LAKE:** S. of Higgins Rd. between Interstate 290 and Arlington Heights Rd. Total area of 589 acres. Depths to 14 feet. Three separate bodies of water: N. lateral pool (24 acres); S. lateral pool (146 acres); main lake (419 acres). Sailboats, canoes and rowboats permitted on main lake S. of Higgins Rd. and on S. lateral pool. Largemouth bass (14" length limit), bluegill, bullhead, northern pike, sunfishes, channel catfish, walleye.

**CERMAK QUARRY:** Near Cermak Swimming Pool on Ogden Ave., ½ mile W. of Harlem Ave. in the village of Lyons. Area 2 acres. Depths to 19 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, channel catfish.

**DES PLAINES RIVER:** This largest natural stream in Cook County winds 50 miles between Wheeling and Lemont with 30 miles bordered by Forest Preserves. Cleaner waters, best fishing are between Wheeling and Rosemont. Has northern pike, largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, crappie, channel catfish, yellow bass, carp, goldfish, suckers. Open to all boating (with one ramp in Lyons, N. of Ogden Ave., E. of First Ave.; another launching site

in Willow Springs, W. of Willow Springs Rd. on bank of river). Public transportation is available.

**FLATFOOT LAKE:** Two miles N.E. of Lake Forest, on side of Calumet Expressway with entrance to the expressway going S.). Area 15 acres. Depths to 17 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, carp, goldfish, perch. Depth contour map is available.

**HORSETAIL LAKE:** On E. side of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), N. of McCarthy Rd. (123rd St.). Area 11 acres. Depth to 26 feet. Largemouth bass (14" length limit), bluegill, channel catfish. Depth contour map is available.

**IDA LAKE:** One-half mile S. of Highway 66 and 1 mile N. of Interstate 55 on W. side of Mannheim Rd. (U.S. 45). Area 10 acres. Depths to 16 feet. Largemouth bass (14" length limit), bluegill, sunfishes, channel catfish.

**JOE'S POND:** On W. side of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), 1 mile S. of 95th St. Area 8 acres. Depths to 11 feet. Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass available.

**MAPLE LAKE:** Located on the S. side of 95th St., ½ mile W. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.). Four parking areas around the lake. Rowboat rental for fishing and pleasure at the W. parking lot off of Wolf Rd. from April through October. Area 55 acres. Depths to 22 feet. Can be reached by the Valley Transit Bus Line to Rt. 171 to 95th St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish. Depth contour map is available.

**MIDLOTHIAN RESERVOIR:** On W. side of Cicero Ave. at 167th St. in Oak Forest. Area 25 acres. Depths to 14 feet. Connected with Midlothian Creek with resultant water level fluctuations. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, bullhead, carp, suckers.

**PAPOOSE LAKE:** On S. side of McCarthy Rd. (123rd St.), ¼ mile W. of Mannheim Rd. (U.S. 45). Area 18 acres. Depths to 10 feet. Largemouth bass (14" length limit), bluegill, crappie. Depth contour map is available.

**POTAWATOMI LAKE:** One-half mile E. of Wheeling, N. side of Dundee Rd., E. of the Des Plaines River. Area 4.5 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullheads.

**POWERDERHORN LAKE:** Two miles N. of Calumet City, ½ mile E. of Burnham Ave. on N. side of Brainard Ave. Area 35 acres. Depths to 19 feet. Marsh to N. a Wildlife Refuge — no fishing allowed. Private rowboats, sailboats, canoes allowed. Northern pike, largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, yellow perch, bullhead, sunfishes, channel catfish, carp. Depth contour map is available.

**SAG QUARRY EAST:** Near village of Sag Bridge off of Rt. 83, ½ mile S. of Calumet-Sag Canal bridge on old Archer Ave. Parking along road. Area 10 acres. Depths to 18 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, carp, crappie. Trout stocked each spring. Use Valley Transit Bus Rt. 171 to Sag Bridge. Depth contour map is available.

**SAG QUARRY WEST:** Same location as Sag Quarry East except on W. side of Old Archer Ave. Area 15 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, northern pike.

**SAGANASHKEE SLOUGH:** Along 107th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), parking on E. and W. side of slough. Area 325 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie.

**SCHILLER POND:** W. of Cumberland Ave., N. of Irving Park Rd. Area 6 acres. Depths to 8 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, crappie, bullhead, carp.

**SKOKIE LAGOONS:** E. of Edens Expressway, W. of Winnetka, between Willow and Dundee Rds. Seven interconnected lagoons with a total area of 190 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Private rowboats, sailboats and canoes are allowed. Launching ramp S. of Tower Rd., E. of Edens Expressway. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, bullheads.

**TAMPIER LAKE:** Between Wolf and Will-Cook Rds., S. of 131st St. Area 160 acres. Depths to 15 feet. Largemouth bass, channel catfish, walleye, white bass, northern pike, bluegill, sunfishes, crappie, bullhead, carp. Boat rental at W. end of the lake off of Will-Cook Rd. Depth contour map is available.

**TUMA LAKE:** E. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), 1 mile S. of 95th St. No parking except along road at Joe's Pond. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead.

**TURTLE HEAD LAKE:** One and one-quarter mile S. of Palos Heights on the W. side of Harlem Ave. Area 12 acres. Depths to 15 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, sunfishes, bullhead. Depth contour map is available.

**WAMPUM LAKE:** One mile E. of Thornton, N. off of Thornton-Lansing Rd. Area 35 acres. Depths to 14 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, smallmouth bass, sunfishes, channel catfish, bullheads. Depth contour map is available.



CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT LAGOONS

**COLUMBUS PARK LAGOON:** 500 S. Central. Area 5.6 acres. Depths to 6.5 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.  
**DOUGLAS PARK LAGOON:** 1401 S. Sacramento Ave. Area 25.3 acres. Depths to 6 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.  
**GARFIELD PARK LAGOON:** 100 N. Central Park. Area 13.7 acres. Depths to 7 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.  
**GOMPERS PARK LAGOON:** 4224 W. Foster Ave. Area 1 acre. Depths to 4 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp, bluegill.

**HUMBOLDT PARK LAGOON:** 1400 N. Sacramento Ave. Area 19.9 acres. Depths to 7.5 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.  
**JACKSON PARK (COLUMBIA BASIN):** 6401 S. Stony Island. Area 38.6 acres. Depths to 11 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp, largemouth bass.  
**LINCOLN PARK NORTH:** 2045 N. Lincoln Park West. Area 9.3 acres. Depths to 4 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.  
**LINCOLN PARK SOUTH:** 2045 N. Lincoln Park West. Area 6.9 acres. Depths to 4 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.

**MARQUETTE PARK LAGOON:** 6700 S. Kedzie. Area 44.5 acres. Depths to 9.5 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, channel catfish.  
**McKINLEY PARK LAGOON:** 2210 W. Pershing Rd. Area 7 acres. Depths to 10 feet. Largemouth bass, channel catfish, bullhead, carp.  
**SHERMAN PARK LAGOON:** 1301 W. 52nd Street. Area 11.6 acres. Depths to 7.5 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.  
**WASHINGTON PARK LAGOON:** 5531 S. Martin Luther King Drive. Area 21.7 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.

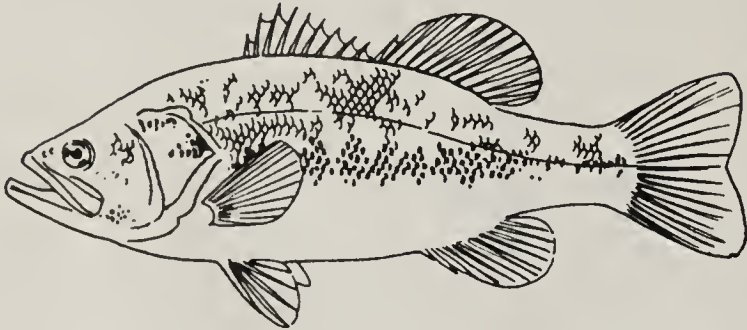
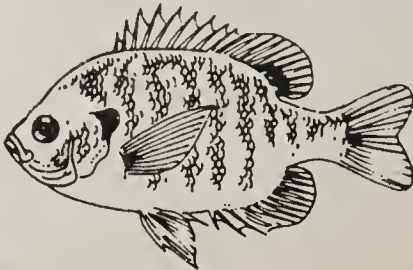
SPORT FISHING AWARDS  
Rules

- 1. Fish must be legally caught by pole and line from Illinois waters. Fish caught by trotline, jugs, bank poles, nets, seines, and snagging are ineligible.
- 2. Fish caught from fee fishing areas are not eligible.
- 3. The fish must be weighed in the presence of two witnesses (not relatives) and should be weighed to the nearest ounce on scales legal for trade. (Grocer scales, butcher scales.)
- 4. The total length of the fish must be measured to the nearest 1/8 of an inch. The total length is from the snout, mouth closed, to the end of the tail.
- 5. Persons who think they have a **state record fish** must have it positively identified by a Department of Conservation Fishery Biologist.
- 6. A clear, black and white, lateral view photograph of the fish must accompany the entry. The Department of Conservation must have permission to publish the photograph.
- 7. The Illinois Department of Conservation reserves the right to investigate and

check the identification, the methods used in catching and the accuracy of measurement and weight before accepting the entry. The Illinois Department of Conservation also reserves the right to reject any entry.  
8. All entries must be submitted within 90 days of being caught.

Awards

A Big Fish Shoulder Patch and Certificate (suitable for framing) will be awarded to those anglers who catch any of the fish listed at right, that equal or exceed the minimum weight specified.  
A Shoulder Patch and Engraved Wall Plaque will be awarded to the angler who catches a fish of the species listed bigger than the current state record.



For further information and entry forms contact:

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS  
FOR SPECIES TO BE ENTERED

Minimum Weight	Pounds	Ounces	Minimum Weight	Pounds	Ounces
Species			Species		
Largemouth Bass	7	0	Blue Catfish	30	0
Smallmouth Bass	3	8	Flathead Catfish	30	0
Spotted Bass	3	8	Black Bullhead	2	4
White Bass	2	12	Yellow Bullhead	2	4
Yellow Bass	1	0	Brown Bullhead	2	4
Striped Bass	15	0	Coho Salmon	15	0
Hybrid Striped Bass	8	0	Chinook Salmon	33	0
Northern Pike	15	0	Kokanee Salmon	1	0
Muskie	15	0	Pink Salmon	2	0
Tiger Muskie	15	0	Atlantic Salmon	5	0
Walleye	6	0	Lake Trout	15	0
Sauger	3	0	Brown Trout	15	0
Yellow Perch	1	4	Rainbow Trout	15	0
Bluegill	1	8	Brook Trout	2	0
Redear	1	8	Tiger Trout	3	0
Green Sunfish	1	8	Splake	2	0
Rock Bass	1	0	Carp	20	0
Warmouth	1	0	Freshwater Drum	10	0
Other Sunfish	1	0	Bowfin	8	0
Hybrid Sunfish	1	8	Paddlefish	20	0
White Crappie	3	0	Smallmouth Buffalo	20	0
Black Crappie	3	0	Bigmouth Buffalo	20	0
Channel Catfish	17	0	Shovelnose Sturgeon	2	0



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